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I Sing thy praise the utmost of time
With full-sing Sand and fruitful rest,
And Sweet Sweet Sweet Sweet Sweet,
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How Eloquent is Time!

THE NEW YEAR.

Oh! thou'rt an eloquent monitor! thy birth,
The dreamy past how vividly recals!
Its pleasant hopes, its triumphs, and its mirth,
Love's rosy hours, and joyous festivals!
They steal upon the memory as falls
The timid twilight o'er a quiet scene—
So dimly, yet so beautiful!

Hark! how the old bell sounds. As we write, around us flit the voices of festivity—the noise of revelry—the rude shouts of a multitude bent on announcing the birth of a new, perhaps a sorrow-teaching year.

Ere these lines pass through the press, our readers will have gazed upon the face of a new acquaintance—a face with which all of us are destined to become more or less familiar. With its deceased relative, who has not been on terms of most particular intimacy? We have participated in its employments—shared in its opinions—joyed in its hilarity—sympathized with its griefs—and interested ourselves more in the character of its adventures than the most chivalrous [illegible]

Our Table.

Literary notices crowded out this week by the press of Foreign News.

The Philadelphia Casket.

The January number of this very Monthly Magazine, is before us. One of Sartain's admirable mezzotints embellishes it, presenting what we conceive to be the best likeness of Willis G. Clark, Esq. the distinguished editor of the Philadelphia Gazette, and the justly celebrated poet, that we have ever had the pleasure of contemplating. Sartain has out-done himself in this effort, for in addition to its fidelity to nature, it boasts the capital attribute of excellence, as a piece of art.

The literary articles in the present number of the Casket are all of a high character, and deserve more than the merely passing notice we are constrained to bestow. The sketch of Mr. Clark is handsomely written. It is a bold, vigorous, tasteful, and finished performance. Like ourself the writer is an admirer of that gentleman's genius; and the selection of the "Dirge in Autumn," to establish it, is exquisitely felicitous.

"Poesy," by E. W. Stockton, Esq. is a chaste and elaborate poem. "Kissing by Moonlight," is a fascinating little sketch, from the pen of a good friend of ours, who delights in the soubriquet of Oliver Oldfellow. "Dreaming Hours," by W. G. Clark, is pretty, but not equal to what the author can produce. "The Moorish Princess," is interesting. "The Ocean Wreck," is a poem by J. S. Du Solle, of this paper. "Clawing off a Lee-Shore," is No. six of a series of thrilling nautical pictures. "The Deserted Grave," is very fine. "The Spirit of Chivalry," by a young friend of surpassing ability and much modesty, is a nervous production. "I went to gather flowers," by Wm. B. Mann, Esq. evinces much poetic feeling. "The Alibi," is a powerful delineation, of a pathetic case. "Indian Re- [illegible]

The Marriage of Queen Victoria.

This affair is certainly to take place. The following is the conclusion of the Queen's "Declaration of Love" as it is humorously termed, just as it was read to the British Parliament.

"Deeply impressed with the solemnity of the engagement which I am about to contract, I have not come to this decision without mature consideration, nor without feeling a strong assurance, that with the blessing of Almighty God, it will at once secure my domestic felicity, and serve the interests of my country.

"I have thought fit to make this resolution known to you at the earliest period, in order that you may be fully apprised of a matter so highly important to me and my kingdom, and which I persuade myself will be most acceptable to all my loving subjects."

The following description of the appearance of her Majesty on this occasion will be read with interest by our lady readers.

Her Majesty wore a brilliant bracelet, on which was the portrait of Prince Albert. The Marquis of Lansdowne addressed a very complimentary speech to her when she had concluded hers, saying, "that he was persuaded that the news of her approaching nuptials would diffuse universal joy throughout the realm, and that he begged her gracious permission to make the news public." The Queen bowed gracefully, and handed him her speech. The Queen appeared to feel the extreme awkwardness of her position, looked unusually pale, and read the declaration of her intended marriage with some trepidation of voice and manner, though she pronounced the words mature "consideration" emphatically.

It was generally observed that Lord Melbourne looked aged, and appeared not to be in his usual spirits. All eyes were on the Duke of Wellington, and universal joy was experienced at seeing his Grace so perfectly recovered. Lord Brougham was present, and, by his animation of manner, [illegible]

[illegible] still both words continue to be promiscuously used." In ancient German records, instead of Albert is also found Albrecht; and so [illegible] the English rich, the modern German reich, in the same manner [illegible] is also an old Saxon word, related to the English birth and born. Adel in the modern German Adel, nobility, and both forms are seen in ancient German records.

Latest Parisian Fashions.

We do not admire an adherence to extravagant fashions, and prefer ourselves the plain but delicate taste evinced in dress by the loveliest ladies of our own country, to all the foreign fopperies in vogue. Still, some of our readers may like to know a little of the doings in the great capital of "Modes," and for their information we insert the following.

The Journal La Mode announces that furs have this season been taken into highest favor, and will be more universally worn than a great many years past. Not only will muffs, boas and pelerines, be every where seen, in the carriage and on the promenade, but the warmth infusing material begins already to pervade every article of the toilet, forming the adornment of the shawl and the pelisse, and even the trimmings of evening dresses. La Mode adds—"The genius of fashion never derived any thing more elegant, and it has become inseparable to all ladies who unite wealth with good taste."

Another Tournament.

IRVINE.—On the evening following the grand dinner given to the Earl of Eglintoun, a ball took place in the spacious and elegant pavilion appropriated for the banquet. About 250 ladies and gentlemen were present, comprising a fair specimen of the beauty and fashion of this district of Ayrshire. The room, as on the previous evening, was brilliantly lighted up, and the scene was of the most enlivening description. A considerable proportion of the company appeared in fancy [illegible]

CITY NEWS.

Health Office, December 28, 1839.

INTERMENTS

In the City of Philadelphia, Southwark, Northern Liberties, Moyamensing, Penn Township, and Kensington. From the 21st to the 28th December.

Diseases.	Adults.	Children.	Diseases.	Adults.	Children.
Apoplexy,	0	2	Brought over,	10	16
Burns,	0	3	—Scarlet,	1	9
Casualties,	2	0	Hemorrhage from Bowels,	0	1
Croup,	0	3	Inflammation of Brain,	0	2
Consumption of the Lungs,	7	0	—Bronchi,	0	1
Convulsions,	0	3	—Lungs,	1	2
Dropsy,	0	0	—Bowels,	1	0
—Head,	0	1	Insanity,	1	0
—Breast,	0	0	Jaundice,	0	1
Disease of Brain,	1	0	Marasmus,	0	1
—Heart,	1	1	Mortification,	0	1
Drowned,	1	0	Palsy,	0	0
Debility,	0	3	Still Born,	0	4
Epilepsy,	1	0	Tabes Mesenterica,	1	0
Fever, Typhus,	1	0	Unknown,	1	2
Carried over,	10	16	Total,	[illegible]	41

Of the above there were 8 from the almshouse, 0 people of color, which are included in the total amount.

By order of the Board of Health,

SAMUEL P. MARKS, Clerk.

State of the Thermometer.

	9 o'clock.	12 o'clock.	3 o'clock.
Dec 22,	30	36	32
23,	30	33	34
24,	32	33	33
25,	31	30	30
26,	27	31	31
27,	36	33	34
28,	37	36	33

ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY.—On last Sunday afternoon about one o'clock, as Mr. William D. Jones was passing Church alley, he perceived a man lurking suspiciously about the corner, while another one, apparently his comrade, was trying to force a key into the keyhole of a door, leading into the store of a Mr. James Walker, who keeps a hat manufactory in Church alley, the second door from Second street. Mr. Jones accosted the latter, who took to his heels, but was pursued by Mr. Jones, when he hallooed for his comrade to come and release him. This his comrade did, [illegible]

FINANCIAL RECORD.

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has sent in his annual Report on the state of the finances. It is a document of unusual interest, and, at this juncture, will be very generally read by all business men.

The Report commences by stating that, "notwithstanding the embarrassments of the present year, the revenues of the general government have been increased, the expenditures diminished, and most of the Treasury notes redeemed."

REVENUE AND MEANS FOR 1839.

The balance in the Treasury on the 1st of January, 1839, which would be considered available for general purposes, was $2,466,961.

The receipts from customs, the first three quarters, as appearing by the Register's books, are $16,329,393.

This includes two millions and three-fourths, collected last year in Treasury Notes, but not carried on his books till 1839.

Receipts from lands the 1st three quarters, including also some collected last year in Treasury Notes,	$5,417,986
Miscellaneous receipts,	125,298
Estimated receipts for the fourth quarter from all these sources,	5,700,000
Receipts on some of the debts against Banks, not available on 1st January, 1839, but since paid,	1,322,686
From the 3d issue of Treasury Notes, under the act of March 2, 1839,	3,857,276
Aggregate means,	$37,217,812

EXPENDITURES FOR 1839.

Civil, foreign, miscellaneous, military, and naval, for the first three quarters, and estimate for fourth quarter,	$24,769,667
Redemption of Treasury Notes for the whole year,	10,391,759

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INDIANA.—Governor Wallace announces that the balance in the Treasury on the 31st of October last, was $27,702. From this, the disbursements for the fourth quarter of the year are to be deducted. According to the present mode of taxation, the available means of the State for current expenses during 1840, will amount in all to $67,000, a sum inadequate to meet the demand upon the Treasury. It is therefore recommended that the system of taxation be altered, and an increase provided. The State debt, we perceive, is already quite large—$10,064,000, and incurred chiefly for Banking and Internal Improvement purposes. Bonds for the benefit of public works have been sold to the amount of $7,656,000, of which sum $1,656,868 remain to be paid by the purchasers, who of course are bound also, for the interest due on this balance. The State therefore is required this year to meet the interest on only about six millions of dollars on the Internal Improvement debt.

ILLINOIS.—We have before us the Message of Governor Carlin. His language in regard to the State Bank of Illinois is strong and unequivocal. He recommends that no law be past to legalise her suspension, and that a committee be appointed to make a thorough investigation of her affairs. He charges her with having speculated in the staple commodities of the State. If, he says, the banking system cannot be eradicated without destroying the country, "we stand on a fearful precipice, erected by error, and sanctified by time, from which it is our duty to extricate ourselves as speedily as possible."

KENTUCKY.—The revenue of the State, for some years past, has been unequal to the expenditure. The balance has been supplied by loans from banks. Additional taxation is suggested, and it is stated that the present rates amount to only ten cents on $100; whereas, in Ohio, the rates average fifty cents on $100.

GEORGIA.—Alluding to the proceedings of the [illegible]

Twenty-Sixth Congress—First Session.

FRIDAY, Dec. 27.

SENATE.—The Vice President arrived, and took the Chair this morning.

Several messages, in writing, were received from the President of the United States—one calling the attention of Congress to some new legislation on the subject of papers to be provided by law for American vessels engaged in the whale fishery; which, on motion of Mr. Davis, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also one containing a letter from the Secretary of State in relation to the law for taking the 6th census; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Several communications were also received from the different Departments, such as exhibiting accounts of their several expenses for the year 1839; the transfer of such appropriations as have been made under sanction of laws of 1809, of 1820, &c. &c.

On motion, those parts of the President's Message treating of commerce, finance, Indian and military affairs, &c. &c. were severally referred to the appropriation committees.

Mr. Wall, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill to amend an act to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes, and the bill to prevent the counterfeiting or uttering of any counterfeit foreign coin, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Hubbard, from the Committee of Claims, reported the bill to establish a Board of Commissioners to hear and adjudge claims against the U. States.

The resolution, offered some days since by Mr. Tappan, in relation to the retirement of officers over 60 years of age on half pay, was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Benton submitted a series of resolutions calling on the Secretary of the Treasury to com- [illegible]

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SAMUEL C. ATKINSON,
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To Correspondents.

R F A.—Welcome. "LITTLE LUKE," although somewhat imperfect, is very interesting. More "Original Pieces" is still desired. The "SAILORS' CHOICE," is of a character highly unsuitable for our columns. We have no room for [illegible] communications, or none. Those we selected are selected for the sake of the moral, not [illegible] for literary [illegible]. Shall we?

GENERAL NEWS.

HERRING DRUMS.—Signor Gambetti, the celebrated Italian trumpet player, says the New York Sun, has entered a complaint against Mr. Henry Russell, for illegal trawling, for an assault and battery on his person. From the statement of the complainant, the parties, it appeared, had met in quarters on Tuesday night, in an apartment of the American Hotel, on some delicate subject of an exciting character, in which there was room for but three of average exhibitors. That Mr. Russell, who appeared pugilistically inclined, locked the door of the room, and politely requested Mr. Gambetti to take a beating from him without delay—to which gentleman offer Mr. G. expressed himself decidedly averse, unless he had his friend there to witness the performance, and keep note of the proceedings; were not according to the rules of manly governing such cases. Mr. R. then opened the door, to call in the friend, when Mr. G. thinking his own generous way was behind, put the door, but out into the street, and left Mr. R. to [illegible] alone.

The above is quite contrary to the standard of harmony as established by the schools, indorsed Mr. R. when walking Broadway with a friend, to refrain as he [illegible] to the [illegible] "Gambetti goes that rascal," and immediately spit in Mr. Gambetti's face.

The affair was charged by Russell against Gambetti, in that during his absence at New York, he left his lady in charge of Gambetti, who had the effrontery to attempt to kiss her, in a private room in the aforesaid hotel. Russell has been brought before Justice Wyman and held to bail in $200 to be of good behaviour, and not to spit in Mr. Gambetti's face any more for six months to come.

RUSSELL THE VOCALIST.—In addition to the attractions of Gambetti, Mr. Russell is, we learn, having an itching palm to ramble somewhat, other on Thursday evening last, or Friday morning, [illegible] and [illegible] Mr. Russell's return, his wife, Mrs. Hallock, of 53 Canal street, who had sold a great many ill-natured things of him. Mr. Hallock is a [illegible] of the artists of the name. He got a warrant at the Police, and Mr. Russell was again arrested and held to bail.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE.—It appears, by a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury by Mr. Ellsworth, that the returns of a Patriot invasion on the frontier of Canada, originated in a misconception. A number of Canadians, who had [illegible] in the Western States on Canals, became disgusted with the treatment and the pay they received, and determined to leave for Canada. Previous to their departure, they collected on the wharf, and gave three lusty cheers for Canada; and hence arose the report of an attempted invasion of the Canadas, on the other side of the line must be in a high state of nervous excitement, when such trifles can produce so much alarm among them.

EMIGRATION TO TEXAS.—The Galveston Gazette of the 7th ult. states more facts which [illegible] an immense emigration to the new Republic. It says that fifteen large vessels have arrived in the last three days, bringing 1200 passengers, and [illegible] cargoes of goods and provisions of all kinds every kind. Most of the persons arriving have come with the intention of settling permanently in the country. A majority of them are, we believe, agriculturists, and the balance either mechanics or those who wish to settle permanently as merchants. Among them is a good number of wealthy and industrious Germans.

DESPERATE SHIPWORK.—Private letters at New York confirm the news of the shipwreck of the brig Spartan, with the loss of 100 lives out of 120 on board. The narrator is Capt. Cook of the wrecker. He writes that when they got ashore, they had no means of procuring a light; and as every vessel that passed by every one put down to death lest himself—and he had several twenty miles in a frozen state before he could reach a dwelling.

STEAMBOAT DISASTER.—A slip from the office of the St. Louis Bulletin, dated 19th, ult. states that the steamboat Ben Franklin, left that morning, while repairing on the dry dock. Some [illegible] were preparing caloun on the dock, [illegible] were [illegible] for them when the boat [illegible] and [illegible] to the [illegible]. She was insured for $12,650. The damage is supposed to be about half the amount of insurance.

☞ The Saturday Evening Post, (N. YORK.)—Fact of the ending placement of this church, 6.3 on Christmas morning which services were going on. The [illegible] and [illegible] people thought that was tumbling down. They, therefore, ready [illegible] for the doors, and in the [illegible] many were [illegible] hurt, [illegible] and much injured. Two are expected to live.

MISSISSIPPI DISASTER AT SEA.—On Sunday, the 29th ult during the late disastrous gale, Mr. Isaac Hollingsworth, living upon Hoggatts Run, opposite Leeds Point, N. J. saw the schooner Henry, of Somerset, captain of Brigantine Shoals, and together with all of her crew, [illegible] sink. Her stern and mainmast, with sails standing, came ashore afterward, at Absecom Inlet.

A Boat Capsized.—On Saturday last, the boat [illegible] from the office of the Vicksburg Mississippian [illegible] from the following:—"It is exclusively duty to record a dreadful calamity [illegible], which visited our city yesterday. Nearly one half of the city is a mass of ashes and [illegible].

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning, the fire broke out in the [illegible] of Washington Hall, and was only arrested at the [illegible] Main, on Main street, consuming every [illegible] in the [illegible] engaged. It was a windy day, and the wind blowing considerably, made the flames spread with great rapidity. Two [illegible] engines were [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] houses have lost their all.

We cannot on that hasty moment state with any probable accuracy the amount of property destroyed, but it is very great. Our particular friends, A. Wright, etc perhaps the greatest losers, [illegible] of Yesterday have no [illegible]. Merritt, Ivy & Co. and [illegible] Smith. Among other things, we are extremely sorry to [illegible] $10,000 in cash. So [illegible] and, and no [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible].

ANOTHER PERSONS GEAR AT THE NORTHERN.—Boston papers give particulars of another [illegible] and disastrous gale, extending along the coast of N. E. coast, which commenced on Friday night last, and continued with very little abatement till Saturday morning. Considerable damage done to vessels in the dock at Boston, and shipping at Portsmouth, Salem and Newburyport.

The schooner "Thetis," from this city, bound to Portland, &c. was totally lost,—crew saved. Brig Virginia, from Boston for Portsmouth, N. H. for the safety of the "Virginia," of Jacksonville, E. F. which [illegible] from Boston for York with a cargo of [illegible] as the following letter, from a correspondent at the "Advertiser" will show:—

Boston, Dec. 27, 1839.

SIR,—Great fears are entertained here for the safety of the brig "Virginia," of Jacksonville, E. Charles Tilley, master, which sailed from this port on Wednesday, the 11th inst. for New York, having on passengers Lucius Fowler and Gridley, about 43 recruits of company (D) 1st Regiment U. S. Artillery—recruiting station, Troy, the [illegible] of the captain and mate, and the others [illegible] of soldiers,—also two men as passengers, [illegible] Charleston, and a small [illegible] cargo.

As she has not been seen or heard of, [illegible] is felt that she may have capsized at sea, and the unfortunate crew and passengers perished."

[illegible]

[illegible]—Flood was rolling at Zanesville, Ohio, the 14th inst. at 33 per barrel; wheat 50 cents per bushel. At Marietta, the great wheat region [illegible] Ohio, it commanded but 44 cents per bushel, on a credit of 3 months. At Cincinnati, the 16th inst. flour sold for $4.00, $4.12.

[illegible]—The U. S. schooner Flirt, has sailed from [illegible].

A BAD "PRACTICE."—A young lawyer named Cornelius W. Terhune, recently admitted to the New York bar, was arrested in that city on Saturday last, on charge of forgery. It appears that a person who was in prison, on charge of larceny employed Terhune as counsel, and having no money to pay him with, authorized him to give bail in order to get him out of prison. The money was procured, and the person, after being released from prison, found that a second order for bail had been paid, and which he declared was not authorized, and had consequently been forged. Terhune was accordingly arrested, and committed to prison on the charge.

FATAL DUEL.—A duel was fought near Tallahassee, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. between General L. Read, and Col. Augustus Alston, in which Col. A. was killed. The distance was five—distance 30 paces. Col. Alston was shot through the heart at the first fire.

The difficulty which occasioned the fatal affair originated during a political contest, and has been the cause of much excitement for several weeks past.

THE BLOOD HOUNDS.—A letter has been received in Boston from Port Leon, Florida, which says—"The much talked of Blood Hounds, to arrest the Indians, will arrive here next week, a sloop having sailed hence for them last week. The Indians are as fearless as ever, and the war is as likely to continue as ten years as ten weeks." It will be scarcely credit the fact, and hope, for the honor of the country, that this nefarious project will not be carried into effect.

"WOMMAN, HEARE THAT TREE?"—The main shaft of the new floor mill at Constantia, (Madison co.) is of oak of 230 years growth which was purchased by the number of grains in the wood.

EXPEDITION IN TEXAS.—A corporal of the 1st regiment of Texas Infantry, was examined and sent before a Court Martial, on an attempt by stabbing, on the life of Captain Kenneyhouse of the same regiment, while acting as officer of the day. The attempt was made at the Post Office in front of the Capitol.

Indiana Abandoned.—John Ross, the Cherokee Chief, his brother Lewis, chief treasurer, &c. and several principal men, lately [illegible] through Wheeling, Va. on their way to Washington. Ross was arrested while at Wheeling on a note for $3000, of service—and [illegible] in the [illegible] payable to a Mr. Gordon, "when the accounts of the agency is settled." Discharged on argument of a habeas [illegible].

ANOTHER RARE SPECIMEN.—We learn from the Kittanning Gazette of the 14th ult. that Isaiah Mundall of the State of Mississippi, is [illegible] agent and United States Bank note to the amount of $75,000, the property of the Brandon Bank, which he has [illegible] and [illegible] against that institution, in favor of Messrs. Dennistoun & Co. of this city.

THE PRESIDENT of the United States has [illegible] Richard Seldens, Vice Consul of Sweden and Norway, for Philadelphia.

STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT.—The steamboat Isa was recently injured by fire at New Orleans.

PIZER.—Fine in New York 8d.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Latest from Europe.

By the late arrivals at N. York of the ships George Washington and Louis Philippe from Liverpool and from Havre, we are enabled to lay before our readers the following intelligence:

England.

The advices from the manufacturing districts of Great Britain are very favorable. It would appear that manufacturers, both in cotton and woollen trades, find much difficulty in getting rid of their stock, and consequently have not joined the discount markets. The manufacturers are perfectly hard-worked as to their future operations, but there is, of course, a corresponding anxiety that in many instances they will either stand still or carry on their operations to a very limited extent.

THE CHARTISTS.—It is very evident that the principles of democracy are making a prodigious stride in France and England. The Chartist movement in England is only in the bud, and every day it is expected to break out somewhere in one of the kingdoms.

As to Wales the existence taken before the Magistrates disclose some startling facts. It appears from the evidence of Mr. Frost, Jones and George Hodge, that Frost was to take Newport, and, on his throwing up rockets the other bodies of men in motion were to march upon Newport, [illegible] 2000 under Jones, and other straggling [illegible] in the neighborhood who were only waiting to receive the arms so to [illegible] from the Mayor, were then to [illegible] down the post-house and blow up the bridge, so as to prevent the mails from passing. Some of the witnesses say that they were to [illegible] in the [illegible] and [illegible] the Welsh mail did not arrive at an hour and a half after its time, the Chartists were in consequence in an attack upon that town. The whole of the North was then to rise, and, as the witnesses expressed it, "the Charter was to be known the law of the land before a night."

FINANCIAL.—The money market of London remains dull, with but little alteration.

The annual meeting of the Bank of England, Nov. 28th, as follows:——"The Governor and Company of the Bank of England are ready and for their notice, to receive applications for the renewal of [illegible] of Bills of Exchange, not having more than six months to run, such have to be repaid on or before 11th January next, at the [illegible] of three per cent. per annum, and not to be some less than £30000 each."

THE BOOKSALE OF CRIME.—The London Morning Herald states from a source worthy of belief, that Lord Palmerston has addressed a letter to the Ambassador of the United States in London, that her Majesty's government intends to [illegible] all the ports in the Chinese Empire, and that the circumstances under which this measure has been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Great Britain to take this step. This is a most important [illegible]; for it is most likely that all the British forces in India, [illegible] with victory from Affghanistan, will march with alacrity to China, and reduce the Emperor to submission, and to make reconsequence. It is also said that the [illegible] between Lin and the Emperor, the Chinese Empire is in an unpleasant predicament.

THE MARRIAGE OF VICTORIA.—It [illegible] Victoria has officially announced to the Privy Council, and they have by her permission published the same to her subjects, that it is her intention to ally herself in marriage with the Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha.

The domain of Coburg is not one-third the size of Rhode Island, and contains, all told, not lately, by the annexation of Gotha, through marriage, yielded only $700 per annum. Now it yields $1,000,000, and is [illegible] to [illegible] but there is a mortgage on the duchy of £464,000.

A prodigious inundation took place in the Thames and overflowed many places, houses and villages on its banks.

The letter gains ground that there is to be a further shedding of blood between young Queen Victoria and her husband, which threatens to be expelled the House of Commons, and [illegible] the Privy Seal. Lord John Russell is to [illegible] to the House which [illegible] Chandos is to grapple with the difficulties that envelope the colonial relations.

Lord Melbourne is about to marry a widowed Countess.

The reigning Duke and Duchess of Saxe Coburg are expected to arrive on a visit to her Majesty in the month of March.

Van Amburg was recovering, and Mr. Carter had reached Paris with his collection of animals for the London Gazette of the 30th Nov. contain not less than 93 bankruptcies, the greatest number which has appeared in one day for some time past.

A new steam engine has been invented by a gentlemen of Liverpool, said to be immensely superior in every respect to the old steam engine. The power is applied by six cylinders. It will consume only one half the quantity of fuel of the old one; and the rapidity by which a vessel can be propelled by it, would [illegible] to perform a passage to America in six days. Owing to a further way in which the power acts upon the vessel every miles an hour can be realized with the greatest possible ease. The weight of the machinery will be only one half of that required by the old steam engine, and instead of straining and weakening the ship, will [illegible] and [illegible] it. By this method, the steam power is more than doubled.

France.

The early wheats in the north of the Kingdom look promising. The French Chambers have probably [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Aug. 16, 1840. The Persian Ambassador at Paris, is engaging the services of numerous officers to join the army of the Schah. Count De Jal, Treasurer of the French Hogue Venus, is returned from the South Seas, and makes a long report on the whale fishery. The Count [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sixty whalemen about the Sandwich Islands, &c. and that they ignorantly pursue only the black whale, while the English and Americans take the sperm.

The Journal de Paris, noticing the question of protecting duties as it effects the importation of [illegible] from Belgium, says that the manufacturers no longer require the same degree of protection as formerly, as they are bringing the manufacture to a high degree of perfection, very much [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] France, and that the superiority of machinery which in Great Britain gave the manufacturer an [illegible] [illegible] as to quality and price, no longer exists, as several French houses now turn out machines as perfect as the English.

The Journal de Paris has a long [illegible] among the citizens of the United States on the European continent, not merely apprehension, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] many of them have made preparations for their return home—being uncertain who they or not their friends should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] new position of affairs. The [illegible] of injury done to American credit by the late occurrences [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but it is clear that it must be immense.

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A new infernal machine astonished the Parisians by an explosion, near the Palais Royal, on the night of Nov. 30th.

Admiral Roussel is soon to take the command of the French Mediterranean squadron. He will have under his [illegible] the ships of the line, frigates, corvettes, &c.; in all about 30 men of war. The fleet will form two divisions, the command of which will be retained by Rear Admirals Lalande and La Susse.

Count Molé has delivered an eulogy on the late Count Bertrand, at the Academy.

An interesting ceremony took place in the chapel of the Hospital de la Salpetriere. Dr. Pariset, the chief physician of that department, gave away in marriage a young female attached to the above hospital, to his good son, Joseph Ribes, the pupil of Nov. [illegible] brought from Cairo, where he was sold as a slave in Cut Boy, who gave him to M. Perisset in 1826. He subsequently received education fitted to his prospects, and became a Christian.

Russia.

Accounts from Odessa state that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THE GEM.

Spring.

BY ROBERT A. DAVENPORT.

"O, the Spring, the beautiful Spring!
All the birds rejoice and sing,
Leaves and flowers, I wonder how"
Thus sang Lucy, fifteen years ago.

Thus rambling up of much-sold time,
And "never the same an hour together"
(For nonsense and its many try
Is shining, bright as hope, before you.
The heart, and ere you crave its way,
'Tis moving, like the ancient, ever you!)

I hey, my Spring, my "blooming flowers"
Are very well for poor verse—
But for that fresh life—merry shower,
Escape, so gone, to you the rainbow
Give me that—those of the year.

When sunset, more sedate, appears
(The same to-day more cool, more),
Through to Rest—a young beginner"
Let's smile to-morrow long to-day.

The charms of the "delightful season"
Both cheer, I most confess, to me,
Are nearly any thing but genuine.

LED AT 19¾. Nose—In the reign of Charles the Second, Lord Lauderdale went one day to court in Lord Rochester's week of waiting. Lauderdale desired admittance to his Majesty, then retired, and told by Rochester, that he was very ill. Lauderdale came constantly every day during Rochester's illness, and as regularly was told the answer, at which being surprised, he asked Rochester what was the nature of his Majesty's illness? who told him the King had got a new nose. Lauderdale went to court the next day, and, another Lord being in waiting, was immediately introduced to the private chamber. The king expressed his attachment at not seeing him for so many days, and on being informed of the impediment, the King called for Rochester, and demanded his meaning for saying he had got a new nose: Rochester replied, "May it please your Majesty, had I been led so long by the nose as you have been by Lauderdale, I am sure mine would have been one, so I conceived it at least my duty to deny all access to the immediate cause of your Majesty's disorder."

A Modern Tale.

The sage, the learned clergy also,
So very hard does't want to drive,
I heard my half-starved sister say,
It cost you more to edge than buy.

Above Mundane's ere Useful.

When the chief gentlemen was asked how his wife was, and replied, "Damp, dirty and dangerous, Sir," his blunder caused an exhilaration of spirits in the inquiring friend, which for ought we know (for it was in the dreary month of November), might drive away incipient thoughts of suicide. But it is the kind-hearted Smith, lofty join heartily in the merriment also excited when describing to her friends the troubles of a beggar she had been relieving, and who had been deaf and dumb an many years?

"How do you know that?" asked a friend.

"Why, he told me so himself," she replied. We know a gentleman, who, treading in an unfrequented part of Ireland, had had the presentation to learn in some Irish. "Whisht is the way?" but utterly fail, until the woman to whom he was going, that it was necessary to understand the reply to. "Is fit himself" and "Is fit" to laugh at his blunder, heartily and many as he was; and certainly the inconvenience it entailed on him, however great, would not be a setting as that caused by the blunder of a late minister to Portugal.

"Please sir," said a poor boy (dated Brentford, on a certain busy What-morning—"Please sir, you're marrying me to a wrong woman."

"Never mind that, replied the minister; "you can walk that afterward."

The Flagging Merchants.

To Hodge, the blacksmith, by his frequent wheel,
And spending much time in the shop,
Is the distress has like some other fools,
Puffs down his forge and cries out he is tools:
Nothing now left but a vent-hole!

BE ABLE TO KNOW THEM.—Young gentlemen are too apt to pride themselves on the knowledge of the active and passive verbs. An active verb expresses action, as *John struck Ann*. A passive verb, the receiving of an action, as *Ann was struck*. You perceive the distinction clearly. The sensitive being in one case acts and in the other passive.—John struck Ann; Ann was struck. Now will you tell me the passive verb to the word Ann. What did Ann do?—Dance." "None—I mean, sir." "Not—What, can't any of you tell? "Kiss, I can tell." "That's you, you are so home to your case, and a source of profit to your respectable parents. What's the passive verb—Kiddie struck Ann—what did Ann do? "*I guess he got his turned flogging. I should.*"

A CAPITAL HIT.—A New York dandy goes it hard in the Cincinnati News:

"Cupping—I say, Cupping," said one of them to the master of a steamer, while on her way from Maysville to Cincinnati—"I say, Cupping, I think our Easter's Pilots much betwa than yours in the west—decidedly superior."

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